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Pondicherry-0.02, 0.00, 0.00, Chandigarh-0.30, 1.43, 0.89; Uttar Pradesh-24.34, 11.92, 9.04; Uttaranchal-0.17, 0.04, 1.31; West Bengal-23.14, 36.27, 54.97 respectively.

New civil air strip in Bareilly

†1344. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for a civil air strip near air force air strip in Bareilly is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the work on it will commence; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Opposition to Open Sky Policy

1345. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any objection and opposition to Open Sky Region by Government with ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, whether it is due to the inefficient, incipient handling of Indian Airlines and Air India while small countries like Thailand, Singapore, and Malaysia are likely to dominate through their air services in the sky by 2010; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to fend the loss making airlines in such a way that undue profit and supremacy of private airlines India are stifled by extra efforts while throwing away the obsolete policy and mind set of Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) No decision has been taken, as yet, to join the proposed open sky agreement with ASEAN countries.

Passengers carried by airlines

1346. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (a) the number of airlines operating in the country;
- (b) the number of aircrafts in operation in the country;
- (c) the total passenger capacity of the airlines *vis-a-vis* percentage of passengers carried in 2005-06; and
- (d) the total fuel consumed by public and private sector airlines during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) At present there are 9 scheduled domestic passenger airlines namely Indian (including Alliance Air), Jet Airways, Sahara Airlines, Air Deccan, Kingfisher Airlines, Spicejet, GoAir, Paramount Airways and IndiGo operating in the country.

(b) There are 246 aircraft in operation in the country with these nine airlines.

(c) The details (approximate figures) of passenger capacity and passengers carried in 2005-06 by the scheduled domestic airlines are as follows:

Airlines	Capacity Deployed (in Lakhs)	Passengers Carried (in Lakhs)
Indian Airlines	102.76	68.44
Jet Airways	136.60	95.60
Sahara Airlines	45.80	29.49
Air Deccan	42.00	30.36
Kingfisher Airlines	21.07	12.27
Spicejet	16.15	13.67
GoAir	3.58	1.68
Paramount Airways	0.59	0.29

(d) Approximately 13,76,772 Kilolitre of fuel was consumed by the aforementioned airlines during 2005-06 in the domestic sectors.